

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	David J. Ecker <i>et al.</i>	
Serial No.:	10/660,122	Group No.: 1637
Filed:	09/11/2003	Examiner: A.M. Bertagna
Entitled:	Methods for Rapid Identification of Pathogens in Humans and Animals	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Examiner,

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2009, due on or before May 23, 2009. A request for a one-month extension of time from May 23, 2009 to June 23, 2009 accompanies this response, together with appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. ISIS-10450. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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